

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS21102**

This change to existing law is based on adopted law in Oregon and is designed to address the difficulties, inequities and irregularities that are taking place in processing access applications. The difficulty and expense of obtaining access permits is hampering economic development, which was a primary factor in Oregon's passage of this language. This change should make the access application process more equitable and encourage economic development. Processing an access application is currently one of the most time consuming, expensive and arbitrary aspects of developing property in Idaho.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

Some additional cost to ITD, could be covered with reallocation of existing resources. ITD has over 600 on staff engineers. This bill shifts the burden of certain engineering analysis from the applicant to the Department. However, ITD should have the internal resources to address this change. There would be additional policy changes that would necessitate the publication of new manuals or policy guidelines, but much of this could be accomplished electronically with minimal cost.

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